Remarks / Arguments & Status

The applicant's attorney thanks the examiner for the courtesy of the telephone conversation of 30 July 2004 wherein the outstanding issues of the application were discussed. During that conversation, it was suggested that a substitute specification be submitted to clarify the final status of the application in light of the various amendments made to the specification, some of which were entered, and others of which were not.

In submitting the substitute specification as helpfully suggested by the examiner, the following assumptions were made regarding the current status of the pending patent application:

- (1) Replacement pages 12-17 were entered by amendment dated January 12, 2004;
- (2) Replacement pages 20-21 were entered by amendment dated January 12, 2004;
- (3) Replacement pages 1-1a were entered by amendment dated January 12, 2004; and
- (4) Replacement pages 3-4a were entered by amendment dated April 21, 2004.

The issue appears to center about the fact that page 17 as submitted on January 12, 2004 was erroneously numbered as page 17, when in fact, it was intended to replace page 18. This leaves two consecutive pages in the pending application which are essentially identical.

Therefore, a substitute specification showing the changes relative to the immediate prior version of the specification of record is provided as Exhibit A. In this Exhibit, the text of any added subject matter is shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter is shown by strike-through. This conforms to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.125(c).

Exhibit B is provided illustrating the clean version of the specification (without markings) in conformity with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.125(c).

Exhibit C is provided by the applicant's attorney of record in the instant application containing the requisite statement that the substitute specification includes no new matter.

In order to correct some small outstanding issues, it is requested that the Office replace Table XIII found on page 18 of the specification as originally filed, with the following amended Table.

Table XIII

Component	PHR Parts
PVC Resin	100
Plasticizer	45
Epoxidized soybean oil	5
CaCO ₃	20
Stearic acid	0.25
Phosphite	various

it is requested that the Office replace lines 6 through 8 of page 18 of the specification as originally filed, with the following new paragraph to remove a double period.

A stabilization for a pool liner composition was performed using the composition of Table XIII was formulated using 3.5 phr of stabilizer, the Yellowness Index results of which are shown in Table XV for several Prior Art additives.[[.]]

Upon further review of the specification, Applicant's Attorney determined that there is no reference to Table XVI. Therefore, revisions to pages 19 – 21 have been made to re-number the Tables.

Request for Reconsideration

It is respectfully submitted that all references identified by the examiner have been distinguished in a non-obvious way. If the examiner believes that a telephonic conversation would facilitate a resolution of any and/or all of the outstanding issues pending in this application, then such a call is cordially invited at the convenience of the examiner.

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